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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Mark Henry SHIPTON et al.

Group Art Unit: 1792

Application No.: 10/689,100

Examiner: M. MILLER

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Docket No.: 117396

For: METHOD OF FORMING A DIFFUSION BARRIER ON A TITANIUM ALLOY  
SUBSTRATE

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the December 12, 2008 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-12 and 23 are pending in this application.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Miller and Examiner Meeks in the February 10 personal interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-9, 11, 12 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Klotz (U.S. Patent No. 3,395,027) in view of Bomberger (U.S. Patent No. 3,434,813), citing Nguyen-Dinh (U.S. Patent No. 5,908,516) and Jackson (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0082053) as evidence. The Office Action rejects claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Klotz and Bomberger in view of Mosser (U.S. Patent No. 5,803,990), Troczynski (U.S. Patent Application Publication No.